(b) if so, the details of the South Korean firms which have shown their interest for joint ventures; and

(c) what is Government's reaction on such joint ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) During the recent visit of the Buying Mission led by Dr. Chul-Su-Kim, Assistant Minister for Trade and Industry, Republic of Korea and in the 9th Joint Meeting of the India-Korea Joint Business Council, the Korean expressed their interests in establishing joint ventures in India. Members of the Buying Mission held talks with Indian firms for setting up joint ventures in India for items such as manufacture of light bulks.

(c) Government would welcome the setting of such joint ventures, especially export oriented joint ventures.

Joint Ventures with Japanese Companies

3498. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Japanese firms have shown their keen interest in entering into joint ventures and production cooperation with the Indian companies;

(b) if so, the details of the Japanese firms keen in joint ventures; and

(c) whether Government have since approved the joint venture proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) No such proposals from the Indian parties for entering into joint ventures and production cooperation with Japanese firms in Japan have been received in this Ministry.

Pension to I.N.A. Personnel

3499. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have maintained any record of Indian National Army personnel;

(b) what is the number of INA personnel who had applied for pension and how many of them have been sanctioned pension;

(c) what is the number of pension cases pertaining to INA personnel which are pending disposal along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when all the I.N.A. personnel who have applied for pension are likely to get pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 34,665 Ex-INA Personnel applied for Freedom Fighters Pension out of which 19,041 cases have been sanctioned as on 30.6-88.

(c) and (d) In July-August, 1988 a special drive was launched and all the cases were disposed off. However a Committee of eminent Ex-INA personnel has been constituted to re-consider some of the cases.

Rent paid by the Allahabad Bank for Scindia House premises

3500. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite guidelines issued by the Reserve

Bank, Allahabad Bank is paying rent since its initial occupancy in 1950 @ Rs. 423.49 p.m. for its Branch Office utilising 3000 Sq. feet area in Scindia House Building in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have issued any fresh guidelines to the banks and to insurance companies occupying private buildings for periodical enhancement of rent as and when it falls due; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Allahabad Bank has reported that it had hired office premises for its Scindia House Branch in 1940 and the monthly rent is Rs. 423.49.

(c) Government have not issued any guidelines in this regard to public sector banks. Banks do consider enhancement in rents as per the terms and conditions of the lease agreements. Guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India provide that banks should exercise their tenancy rights as lessee and seek fixation of a standard rents by concerned authorities.

Payment of Diamond Jubilee bonus for the employees of State Bank of Indore

3501. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not making payment of "Diamond Jubilee Bonus" so far by the Board of Directors to the employees of the State Bank of Indore;

(b) whether Diamond Jubilee Bonus is likely to be paid in the near future; and

(c) if so, by when the employees are likely to receive the bonus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) State Bank of Indore has reported that as per the Bonus Act, the available surplus for 1979 (Diamond Jubilee Year) showed negative figures and therefore the minimum Bonus as per Act was paid.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Do not arise.

Frauds in the State Bank of Indore

3502. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has completed inquiry ordered by the Ministry into fraud cases in two branches of State Bank of Indore, in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the official found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Corruption in the State Bank of Indore

3503. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received about corruption cases in the branches of Delhi and New Delhi of the State Bank of Indore till date;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and